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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6586

BILL NUMBER: SB 143

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 31, 2006

BILL AMENDED: Jan 26, 2006

SUBJECT: Explanation of Proposed Constitutional Amendments.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Dillon

FIRST SPONSOR: Rep. Leonard

BILL STATUS: As Passed Senate

FUNDS AFFECTED: X **GENERAL**
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: (Amended) The bill requires the Legislative Council to prepare a concise and neutral summary of any proposed state constitutional amendment. The bill requires the Legislative Council to distribute a copy of the summary to various entities and post the summary on the General Assembly's Internet web site not later than 60 days before the election at which the proposed amendment is submitted to the voters.

This bill requires a copy of the summary to be posted at each polling place. It provides that the Legislative Council has absolute discretion to determine the contents of the summary, and prohibits a cause of action based on the exercise of this discretion.

Effective Date: July 1, 2006.

Explanation of State Expenditures: (Revised) *Summary:* The preparation and distribution of constitutional amendment summaries would likely require additional administrative time of the Legislative Council and the Election Division.

The Election Division would be required to provide each county election board with a prepared summary of a proposed Constitutional amendment.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: County election boards would need to forward copies of amendment summaries to precinct inspectors. County election boards would be able to accomplish this provision with existing resources and staff.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Legislative Council, Legislative Services Agency, Election Division.

Local Agencies Affected: County election boards.

Information Sources:

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